

SENATE BILL 3469

By Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37  
and Title 49, relative to elementary and secondary  
education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3401, is amended by adding  
the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

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(1) No less than fifteen (15) days after making a final decision to suspend  
or expel a student, or to refer a student to juvenile court, or to another like court  
having jurisdiction over such cases, the principal, assistant principal, teacher-  
principal; director; or disciplinary hearing authority responsible for such decision  
shall file a justification report with the LEA providing the circumstances  
surrounding the suspension or expulsion, a rationale for the suspension or  
expulsion, and any statements taken from interested parties including students  
teachers, administrators, parents, and providing the following demographic  
concerning the student:

- (A) Race;
- (B) Gender;
- (C) Age;
- (D) Grade level; and
- (E) Grade point average.

(2) Each LEA shall forward to the department of education all reports  
received pursuant to this subsection on a monthly basis. The department shall  
publish an annual report providing data extracted from the demographic

information submitted and reporting trends, problems, and potential solutions revealed by the reports. The annual report shall be published on the department's website and submitted to the education committees of the senate and house of representatives, the children and family affairs committee of the house of representatives, and the general welfare, health, and human resources committee of the senate.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.